

PRESS RELEASE: FORD COUNTY CLERK LINDA KELLERHALS

Re: change in filing for school board elections

County Clerk Linda Kellerhals wishes to announce that House Bill 105, Public Act 98-691 calls for a change in the process of filing to run for all grade and high school district board positions in Illinois. Previously, all filing for the office of school board member took place at the local school district. The district then certified candidates to the local County Clerk or Election Authority to run the election for these offices. Beginning with the upcoming Consolidated General Election in April 2015, all filing for school district offices will now take place at the County Clerk's Office instead.

Nomination petitions and other filing forms will be available at the Ford County Clerk's Office beginning September 23rd, 2014 which is the first day to circulate petitions for the December 15th to December 22nd, 2014 filing period for these positions. While some school districts in Ford County may also choose to provide the necessary paperwork, all filing must now take place at the County Clerk's Office in order to be certified for the April 7th, 2015 ballot.

Any potential candidate should contact the County Clerk's Office to ascertain which district format their school elects board members, and from which areas in the district candidates may be elected. Some school districts may also choose to provide this information at the district office.

The phone number for the Elections Department at the County Clerk's Office is 217-379-9400.